Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Is it a fact that exploitation of forest jungles by private agencies for preparation of charcoal is permitted? Are forest areas given for exploitation to prepare charcoal?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It does not arise out of this question.

Embezzlement of money in the District Treasury, Bangalore, through cheques of Industries Department.

Q.—67. Sri T. C. BASAPPA (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is true that Rs. 15,000 has been embezzled through six cheques of Industries Department in the District Treasury of Bangalore during 1948-50;

(*b*) if so, details of each drawing, namely, date, amount and name of person who has drawn the amount;

(*c*) who the District Treasury Officer was at the time of each drawing;

(*d*) when this embezzlement was found out and by whom;

(*e*) whether it was referred to the Police Department; if so, when and with what result;

(*f*) whether it was referred to the Director of Anti-Corruption; if so, who the Director was then and what action did he take;

(*g*) when the final report was sent by the Director of Anti-Corruption and who the Director was then;

(*h*) the recommendation of the Director in his final report;

(*i*) the order passed by the Government thereon and when it was passed?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [On behalf of Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Statement appended below.

(*c*) *Vide* statement in answer to (*b*).

(*d*) On receipt of two communications from the Accountant-General on 23rd August 1950 and 6th September 1950 calling for copies of loan orders in respect of two payments of Rs. 2,500 each, the Director of Industries and Commerce found out that an unused cheque book bearing No. 13 was made use of by some culprits in drawing several amounts from the Bangalore District Treasury [*vide* Statement in answer to (*b*)].

(*e*) Yes. The matter was referred to the Police Department on 18th September 1950. The Police could not trace the offenders in spite of their earnest efforts.

(*f*) Yes. Sri K. Henjerappa was the Director of Anti-Corruption. He has conducted a detailed enquiry in the matter and forwarded an interim report leaving it to his successor to review the case and submit a final report on the results of police investigation, for the orders of Government.

(*g*) The final report was submitted to Government on 6th October 1952. Sri J. Appaji Gowda was the then Director.

(*h*) The Director recommended the award of token punishments to the officers responsible for negligence, by way of recovery of certain amounts from each of them.

(*i*) Government accepted the recommendation of the Director and in their Order dated 30th March 1953 have directed the recovery of token amounts from the Officers concerned. Circular instructions have also been issued to all the Drawing Officers to the effect that in case of frauds arising from their negligence to observe the rules, their personal liability to make good the loss will be strictly enforced.

(SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.)

Statement showing the details of forged cheques encashed in the District Treasury at Bangalore.

Sl. No. of the Cheque No./Book No.	*Date of Cheque*	*Amount involved*	*Date of encashment*	*Person who has drawn the amount*	*Name of the Treasury Officer*
		Rs.			
6/13	.. 22nd August 1949.	2,500	23rd August 1949.	Not known as the culprits are not traced	Sri D. Muniswamy, Assistant Commissioner.
7/13	.. 10th January 1950.	2,500	11th January 1950.	Do ..	Do
10/13	.. 30th March 1950.	2,500	31st March 1950.	Do ..	Do
11/13	.. 6th May 1950	2,500	8th May 1950	Do ..	Do
14/13	.. 4th July 1950	2,500	7th July 1950	Do ..	Do
18/13	.. 4th July 1950	2,500	11th August 1950.	Do ..	Sri Anandakrishna, Assistant Commissioner.,

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ (ಐ) ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ tha recovery of the token amount, has been ordered' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಟೋಕ್ಕನ್ ಮೊಬಲಗು ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will get the records.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ಬಾಕಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು waive ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will get those figures.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಚೆಕ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾರು ಬರೆದರು ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The concerned Officer.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾರವರು, concerned officer ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಟ್ರೆಜರಿ ಆಫೀಸರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಚೆಕ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಯಾರ ಸುಪರ್ದಿನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದುವು ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The concerned Minister with my permission went to the Council. This question may be taken up tomorrow.

Now question hour is over. Except that question which may be taken up tomorrow, the other questions lapse.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY.

(But not taken up).

Relief Works in Pandavapura Taluk.

Q.—47. Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the relief works undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in Pandavapura Taluk ;

(*b*) the amount of money that has been allotted to Pandavapura Taluk during this year ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) The works proposed to be taken up under Distress Relief Programme during 1953-54 are mentioned below :—

1. Road work from Chinkurli to Singapura.
2. Road work from Chinkurli to Doddabhoganahalli.
3. Road work from Chinkurli to Hongonahalli.
4. Road work from Sindabhogenahalli to Kanivekoppal.
5. Road work from Madrahalli to Baby.